

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

October 15, 2014 6:30PM

Town Hall Conf. Room

Attendees: Stephen Mc Donough, Dennis Visconti, Bill Previdi, Joanne St. Pierre, Jim Sarno, , John Bracciotti , Julie Boussey, Maura Campbell, Aldo Ursino

Absent members: Theresa Di Blasi, Steven Sylvester

Guest: David Ragucci, Town Administrator

1. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 9/2/14 Open Space Comm. Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
2. D. Visconti gave an updated on the Arena operations. In general things are running smoothly however the battery for the Zamboni died and needed to be replaced at a cost of \$11,000. The funds came from money that was ear marked to replace the compressors. Some of the compressors were rebuilt at a lower cost than was anticipated, so money was left over and available for this battery.
3. The Committee reviewed the Golf Report for the month of September. Several members want to see more historical data on the golf revenue. J St. Pierre will contact the Town Accountant to get more revenue detail and history.
4. D. Ragucci spoke to the Committee about developing a marketing plan for the golf courses. It was suggested that the Committee should consider setting up a Marketing Sub Committee to work on marketing ideas. J. St. Pierre asked that other committee members email her ideas for marketing the golf courses.
5. Mr. Ragucci updated the Committee on the status of the Oaks/Weiss Farm land swap. It is still in preliminary discussion stage, but will need to move forward quickly if it has any chance of happening at all. He remains hopeful that they can come to an agreement with Cocran Development to make it happen.
6. D. McDonough wants the Committee to start looking into other options for managing the golf courses, in advance of the current management contract expiration which is set to expire at the end of 2015.
7. D. Ragucci will obtain a copy of the "outsource" management contract that Melrose has for their Mt. Hood Golf course and will distribute copies to the Committee.
8. Mr. Camron Bain addressed the Committee to discuss the need to update the Open Space inventory for the Town of Stoneham. He wants to apply for a grant to develop a "nature park" adjacent to the future Green Way/Bike Path in the area near West St. extension and needs the updated open space inventory to apply for grant money.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

The next meeting of the Open Space & Rec. Comm. Is scheduled for Nov. 12 6:30PM Town Hall.

Submitted by Bill Previdi